

CULTURAL FEAS

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Down Memory Lane
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: November 20-December 3
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Artist: Jalilur Rabbi Tamim
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: November 24-December 7
Time: Sunday to Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturday 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Rd No 36, House 16, Gulshan
Date: November 24-December 4
Time: 11:00am-8:00pm

Jazz Concert

Group: Norwegian Jazz group Kirsti Huke Quartet
Organisers: Sangskriti Kendra & Royal Norwegian Embassy
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum Auditorium
Date: November 26-27
Time: 6:30 pm

Michael Winterbottom Retrospective

A retrospective of seven films dealing with contemporary international issues by critically acclaimed British filmmaker Michael Winterbottom.
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society
November 27
3:00pm The 24 Hour Party People
4:45pm Code 46
6:30pm In This World
8:15pm The Road to Guantanamo
Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhaka

65th Anniversary of Battle of Moscow

Organisers: Russian Centre for Science and Culture
Programmes: Photo exhibition, film show "Officers"
Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, Dhaka
Date & Time: November 29 at 5:30 pm

Theatre

Play: Hirok Rajar Deshe
Troupe: BRAC University Drama and Theatre Forum
Venue: National Theatre Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date & Time: November 27 at 6:30 pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Keokradong Er Pothe Pothe
Organiser: Deepro
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU
Date: November 23-29
Time: 11:00am-7:00pm

Mir Sabbir

Familiar face on small screen

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

MIR Sabbir Mahmud's career on the small screen is on the upswing. His acting has won him warm reception from viewers and critics. Currently he is playing major roles in several serials, which are being aired on different TV channels. Among the roles that have received much acclaim are the ones in drama serials *Pichhutan*, *Koto Chena Koto Ochena*, *Ek Jonomey* on ATN Bangla, *Shukher Kanta* on Banglavision, *Biborno Bhalobasha* on ntv, *Aguntuk* on Rtv and *Pantho Nibash* on BTV where he played the lead role.

Sabbir joined Bangladesh Television (BTV) in 1999. He received his big break in the play *Bishkanta* in 2000 on ETV. His spontaneous performance in the play grabbed the attention of the directors, critics and audience.

Sabbir says, "The most memorable TV play I acted in was *Bishkanta*. It was a delight because it helped me realise my true potential as an actor. I played the character of a young man from the Barisal region. It was a learning experience." Talking about his background and career milestones, he says, "I did not come from theatre background. I spent my childhood in Barguna district. While in school and college, I used to participate in numerous cultural functions. After completing my HSC I came to Dhaka."

Asked about the changes he perceives in the TV industry over the last three years, he says, "Earlier, the market was full of



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weekly plays. Today, mega serials have taken center-stage. In terms of artistic output, the scenario is more taxing. By this I mean that the advertising, marketing has

become very aggressive. But I am sorry to say that the TV industry has regressed in terms of content."

"I understand that business

dictates a certain style, but at the same time, there should be a small window left open for constant experimentation," he adds.

Recalling a humorous incident in the course of shooting a drama serial, he says, "My memory takes me back to a time when I was shooting a popular drama serial and encountered a friend. As soon as I entered his house, his mother started questioning me about my drama serials."

"The mother had left Bangladesh and gone abroad to stay with her daughter. But the lady missed the popular drama serials shown on TV. Instead of questioning me about common friends and relatives, she wanted me to narrate the latest happenings on the small screen. This just goes on to prove how much television affects our lives."

Asking about his offscreen persona, he says, "I am a typical Bangladeshi. I need a lot of reassurance and am peace loving. I hate to cause any harm to people. I am ambitious but not necessarily a go-getter. I love to workout and exercise regularly."

Asking about his future plans in the film industry, he says, "I have received several film offers. Recently I received an offer to work in Abdullah-Al-Mamun's Bangla feature film. I took up acting as my career--be it comedy, silver screen or small screen. I would like to do a variety of roles, whether it is a comedy, romance, action, thriller, or drama. In a nutshell, any role with substance."



Based on stories from Rabindranath-er Golpoguchha, a TV serial is set to air on ATN Bangla. The first three episodes are based on the story *Uddhar*. The first episode will air tonight at 8:20pm. Directed by Abul Hayat, *Uddhar* features Mousumi Bishwas and Shams Shumon.

Karisma Kapoor makes a comeback

After months of speculation, Karisma Kapoor has finally said 'yes' to a project. And her comeback film will be directed by Onir, director of *My Brother Nikhil* and *Bas Ek Pal*. Titled *You & I*, the film will co-star Sanjay Suri in a pivotal role. In fact, this is Onir and Sanjay's third film together.

Onir is in the process of signing other artists and is looking at roping in Boman Irani for a key role. The film will be a romantic story based on adventure sports, different from Onir's previous films. *You & I* is expected to go on floors early next year and will be shot outdoors.



Source: Internet

TV Watch

'Ontoraler Kotha': Masuma's saga

A new episode of *Ontoraler Kotha*, focusing on Masuma, is set to be aired on Channel i tonight at 6:20 pm.

The plot: Masuma is married off to an educated service-holder with a sizeable dowry. After the marriage, several household goods are found missing. Masuma, much to her dismay, learns that her husband comes home late at night because he gambles and thus squanders his own money as well as his company's resources.

The husband tortures Masuma whenever she raises her voice against his excesses. On top of this he fails to fulfill the duty of a father



A scene from *Ontoraler Kotha*

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Boro Didi
On Rtv at 9:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Alamgir, Tarin



Ocean's Twelve
On HBO at 11:45pm
Genre: Thriller/Action
Cast: Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Julia Roberts

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTW
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am-12:10 pm. 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. 4:00 pm-7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm-5:00 pm-8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am-10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm.

Lates News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 1:15 pm, 9:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm

News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm

RTV
News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am

ATN BANGLA

09:20 Mega Serial: *Laal* 08:35 Ajaker Shokal
Neel Beguni 09:05 Ramizer Aaina
Annyodishhti 09:30 Medhabi Banglalir Golpo

10:30 Talk Show: 11:05 Shath Din 10:05 Zoo Adventure

11:35 Ek Jonome 10:30 Dhakar Cinema

12:15 Motamot 01:05 Muktagon

01:25 Colochitro Golpo 02:35 Drama Serial:

02:30 Nirbo Kosto 03:15 Ramizer Aaina

03:10 O Amar Chokhu Nai 03:50 Somoshomoy

03:45 Chotoder Prithibi 04:25 Bhimo Swader

04:20 ATN Music 05:10 Shornali Din

05:45 Islamic Programme 06:20 Ashey Pasher

06:20 Marush 05:20 Apnar Jigyasa

07:50 Drama Serial: *Kath* 06:20 Shubho Shondha

08:20 Drama Serial: *Udhar* 06:45 Crimewatch

08:50 Meet the Press 09:00 Music Express

10:40 Talk Show: *Protidin* 09:50 Bibamo Bhalobasha

11:25 Din Dorpon

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09:20 Shangbadpore 08:40 Shuprobhat
Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Tritonatra 10:00 Cartoon

12:30 Aj Dupure O Citycell 10:30 Bangla Feature Film

12:00 Torka Kathan 02:00 Padmarg

01:10 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 03:30 Drama Serial:

01:30 Shangbadpore 05:15 Chokh Mele Dekhi

01:45 Public Reaction 06:00 Saaj Bela

04:05 Amader Gaan 06:30 Top News

04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma 07:00 Shuktara

05:30 Banijo O Orthoniti 08:15 Drama Serial: *Daar*

06:00 Stargate SG One 09:00 Gaenor Khatu

06:20 Ontoraler Kotha 09:00 BBC Bangladesh

09:30 Shanglap 11:00 Olpo Sholpo Golpo

10:00 Drama Serial:

10:00 Shadha Ranger 09:05 Aj Potrikai

09:35 Swapno

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Wide Angle 10:00 Apnar Agami 09:15 Drama of the Week: *Bela Sheshey*

11:00 Jugobondi 10:30 Amar Ami

01:00 Human Nature 11:00 Drama Serial: *Sukher*

01:35 Islamic Programme 01:30 Article Thirty-Nine

03:40 Drama Serial: *Black and White* 02:30 Drama Serial: *Guest*

04:20 Praner Manush 03:00 Achhey Praney

05:10 Khola Chokhey 03:50 Ebong Shada Kalo

05:30 Tagore Song 04:00 Drama Serial: *Uro Chithi*

06:00 Ajker Bangladesh 04:30 Drama Serial: *Guest*

06:35 Cinema Ar Cinema 05:00 Drama Serial: *Hashuli*

08:00 Drama Serial: *Black and White* 05:40 Din Er Sheshey

08:50 Magazine 06:30 Amader Ranna

09:00 Programme: *Purush Ghar*

09:35 Talk Show: *Prio Mukh* 09:20 Drama Serial: *Boro Didi*